

## NOTICE

### **National Framework for Reporting Performance on Rural Water Suppliers - call for submissions on National Benchmarking Framework: Draft Reporting Performance Model for Rural Water Delivery Agencies**

Western Australia became a signatory of the National Water Initiative Agreement (Agreement), joining the Commonwealth and the other States and Territories, in April 2006.

Under the Agreement, the signatories agreed to report independently, publicly, and on an annual basis, benchmarking data on the pricing and service quality of urban and rural water utilities. A nationally consistent framework building on the reporting already undertaken in the urban and rural (irrigation) water sectors will form the basis for these benchmarking reports.

The National Water Commission (NWC) has released for consultation a discussion paper from the National Benchmarking Roundtable Group (NBRT) on the development of a national benchmarking framework for rural water delivery agencies. The NBRT considers that the scope of the national benchmarking framework for urban and rural water delivery agencies should provide a high level overview of 5 key areas:

- Baseline explanatory data
- Service provision data
- Health data
- Environmental and resource management data
- Financial data

The NBRT proposes that the performance reporting requirements for urban and rural water delivery agencies be detailed in separate models conforming to the scope outlined above.

Interested parties are invited to comment on the NWC discussion paper, which is available on the NWC website at:

<http://www.nwc.gov.au/nwi/docs/RuralPerformanceConsultationPaper.pdf>

Submissions should be in both printed and electronic form and should be received by the NWC by Friday 17 November 2006 on:

Email [submissions@nwc.gov.au](mailto:submissions@nwc.gov.au)

Post NWC Submissions, 95 Northbourne Avenue, CANBERRA ACT 2600

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## **Confidentiality**

Please refer to section 5 of the discussion paper for information regarding the confidentiality of submissions made to the NWC.

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